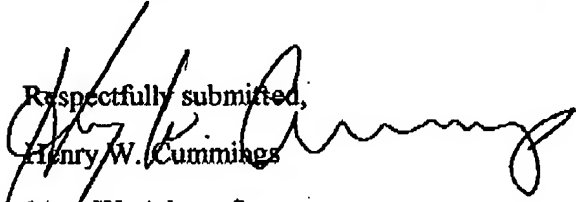


**REMARKS**

1. Currently amended Claim 15 emphasizes that the self propelled transport system includes raising and lowering means comprising a system of air compressors and pneumatic lift devices; and that the air compressors provide pressurized air to activate the pneumatic lift devices via a system of pneumatic plumbing and an air reservoir. The motive components comprise powered casters and at least two powered drive units. Unpowered casters are lowered by means of said pneumatic lift devices to allow manual positioning.
2. This combination of features is not taught by Jung et al 3,372,769 or Lenkman 5,845,917 alone, or in combination.
3. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is requested.

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